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Athletissima is preparing for a full house

Athletissima welcomed the Swiss Federal Council's decision to allow outdoor sporting events to fill up with spectators as of the 20th of August. The next edition of the Lausanne meeting of the Wanda Diamond League will, as a result, be able to take place in a fully packed stadium on the 26th of August.

This will allow Athletissima's ticketing to operate as usual. Ticket sales with Ticketcorner will open on Tuesday, 15th of June (if the event should be cancelled due to a resurgence of the pandemic, tickets will be refunded).

The news is both a challenge and a relief for the organisers, noted the meeting Director, Jacky Delapierre. The Lausanne meeting will be the first major athletics event in Europe after the Tokyo Olympics. A guaranteed quality competition, as the Wanda Diamond League final in Zurich approaches, as well as an opportunity for the athletes not selected for the Games to prove a point.

"The decision of the Swiss Federal Council was notably facilitated by the constant commitment of the Vaudois and Valaisian State Councils", congratulated the organisers of Athletissima. This will be the first large-scale sporting event with a large audience to be held in a stadium in Switzerland since the restrictions imposed by Covid-19.

Wednesday's decision marked more relaxed restrictions since the announcement 2 weeks ago, which initially called for sporting events with 10'000 or more people only as of early September.

All tickets sold will be seated and numbered. The stadium will be able to fill up to its capacity.

The City Event organised the day before the meeting, with a men's high jump competition in the city centre, will be free for the public and accessible under specific conditions which have yet to be determined.

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